

COUNTRY East Germany

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TOPIC Volkspolizei in Prenzlau

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1. In mid-September 1952, the barracks installation on the Prenzlau airfield was apparently still occupied to capacity by Volkspolizei (VP). Two tent camps consisting of a total of 5 large tents and 30 small tents were in the eastern part of the former landing field. About 30 factory-new Horch-Dicsof trucks were parked near the tent camps. A building, about 200 meters long, was under construction on the former landing field north of the barracks installation.<sup>1</sup>

2. The barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse was also occupied by VP.

25X1C The new BM sedans [redacted] were parked on the square in front of the barracks gate on Berliner Strasse. About 10 tanks with guns of about 76-mm caliber were in the barracks yard. Twenty-five to 30 VP personnel with several VP officers and some Soviet officers practiced on three tanks at the training field near the installation.<sup>1</sup>

3. Shipments from and to Prenzlau of armored vehicles during the period from 9 to 20 September included:

9 September. About 9 a.m. arrival of 15 T-34/85 tanks. About 3 p.m. arrival of 12 tank of the same type.

10 September. At 8 a.m. arrival of 19 T-34/85 tanks.

11 September. At 3 p.m. arrival of 16 T-34/85 tanks and 29 SU-76 guns.

15 September. At 10 a.m. arrival of 20 T-34/85 tanks. At 2 p.m. arrival of 12 armored reconnaissance cars. At 3 p.m. arrival of 18 SU-100 guns.

13 September. Between 8 a.m. and noon arrival of 2 T-34/85 tanks, 12 SU-100 guns and 25 armored reconnaissance cars.

14 September. At 9 a.m. arrival of 4 T-34/85 tanks. At 1 p.m. arrival of 19 armored reconnaissance cars.

15 September. At 10 a.m. arrival of 10 T-34/85 tanks.

16 September. At 10 a.m. arrival of 2 T-34/85 tanks.

17 September. At noon arrival of 8 T-34/85 tanks.

18 September. At 5 a.m. departure of 28 T-34/85 tanks.

19 September. At 1 p.m. departure of 18 SU-76 guns.

25X1 [redacted] 20 September. At 5 a.m. departure of 15 SU-100 guns, 5 SU-76 guns and 5 armored reconnaissance cars. At 3:30 p.m. arrival of 2 SU-100 guns.<sup>2</sup>

25X1 [redacted] all arriving shipments came via Angermuende. Most of the escort personnel were Soviet soldiers and only few were VP. The armored vehicles leaving Prenzlau went to the Torgelow-Eggesin area. Almost all the personnel escorting these shipments were VP but there were only a few Soviet soldiers.<sup>3</sup>

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b. An assembly point for all the arriving armored vehicles apparently was in the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse.<sup>1</sup> On 10 September, about 60 T-34/85 tanks were north of the southern repair shop and about 45 tanks of the same type north of the northern repair shop. Other tanks of this type were in the two southern gun garages and less than 150 armored vehicles of all types were in the terrain south of the barracks installation. On 11 September, more than 100 tanks were in front of the southern repair shop, and no tanks were seen at the other repair shop. A Soviet general apparently made an inspection on this day. He was accompanied by several VP officers.<sup>2</sup>

5. Another quartering building of the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse was occupied by VPs. The installation is still being reconditioned by German craftsmen and Soviet soldiers. No training activity was observed. Officers from this installation wearing VI uniform were frequently seen going to the barracks installation northwest of Berliner Strasse where an instruction course for Soviet officers of all branches of service was conducted.<sup>3</sup>

1. [ ] Comment. Three barracks installations in Prenzlau are occupied by

25X1A Kaserierte Volkspolizei, i.e., the barracks installation on the airfield which is being enlarged by new buildings, the barracks installation on Alsen Strasse and the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse.

25X1A [ ] The installations at the airfield and on Alsen Strasse which formerly were occupied by VPD 1213.

25X1A quarter VP units of Army Group North. The installation southeast of Berliner Strasse probably houses a tank assembly and distribution point of the KVP. It probably also quarters Soviets who turn over to the KVP

25X1A the tanks, which arrive from the U.S.S.R. The installation northwest of Berliner Strasse is probably occupied by Soviet troops.

2. [ ] Comment. This information contains details which supplement a previous report. [ ] agree.

3. [ ] Comment. The shipments from the U.S.S.R. via Angermuende are unloaded in Prenzlau, sent to the barracks installation southeast of Berliner Strasse and there handed over by the Soviets to the KVP which, in cooperation with, or under the supervision of, the Soviets, distributes and ships the materiel to the individual units.